Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Government is dilatory in passing orders.

President.—Of course, you may pass an order in a day, but the Government does not agree with your opinion there.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—You may not agree with me; whether the Covernment considered this matter or not is very important.

President.—The answer given must satisfy you.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When further information is required by means of a question, the President has only to allow or disallow the question, and I think there is no use of saying that the matter is under consideration.

President.—We cannot say that final orders will be passed on such and such a date.

Representations made by the Cochin Journalists' Association.

22. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether orders have been passed till now with regard to the representations made to the Government by the Cochin Journalists' Association, and if so, what are they?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Final orders have not been passed.

Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas.

23. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to inform the number of Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas opened annually by the Government in the last three years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas in 1103; and if so, how many of them, and what is the amount provided for in the budget for the next year;

(c) whether the Government has considered the question of opening a Vaidyasala for Kadangod; and if so, what is the decision arrived at;

(d) whether there is any Ayurvedic Vaidyasala in Kunnamkulam Constituency?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Three in 1099 and none in the two succeeding years.

(b) Yes; two. The Member is referred to the programme of expenditure under "2-c—Contribution to Village Panchayats" printed as appendix "A" to the budget for 1103.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

(d) No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was no Dispensary opened during the last two years?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—None was opened.

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President.—Is that so, Mr. Raman Menon?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What was the reason why none was opened?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—For want of funds.

Allopathic Dispensaries in rural areas.

24. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the principle applied in selecting places for opening Rural Allopathic Dispensaries;

(b) whether population of a village will be taken into consideration in this matter;

(c) what is the population of the villages in which Rural Allopathic Dispensaries have been opened in the last 15 months and what is the population of the Pazhanji village;

(d) whether the Government have considered the question of opening a Rural Allopathic Dispensary at Pazhanji?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) The selection is made if the area is populous, and if it is not easily served by existing institutions, and if there is demand by and request from the people.

(b) Not the population of a village, but of a group of villages.

(c) No Rural Allopathic Dispensary has been opened till now. The population of Pazhanji village according to the last census is 4,338.

(d) No.

Increase of pay to subordinate officers.

25. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether, following the assurance given at the last budget session, the Government have passed orders giving any extra allowance or increase of pay to the subordinate officials, and if no order has yet been passed after so long a time, what is the reason for this delay?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No orders have been passed. Government are awaiting the report of the Special Finance Committee in the matter.

Flood Relief Fund.

26. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done with the balance of the Flood Relief Fund.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the report of the Cochin Central Flood Relief Committee publish-

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